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Title: Need to implement recommendations of Kothari Commission to allocate 6% of GDP to education.

SHRI M.I. SHANAVAS (WAYANAD): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to draw the attention of this House and also the Ministry towards the deteriorating standards of our universities. In ancient times, we had Nalanda and Taxila Universities, which were the modal centres of learning.

The President of India has stated in his recent speech that even in the first top 200 universities of the world, no Indian university comes into the picture. I would like to urge the Government to have a national level White Paper released on the quality of academic programmes, faculty efficiency and their contribution to the cause of academics and learning apart and above syllabus.

At present only an allocation of 2 per cent of the GDP is earmarked for education. I would urge upon the Government to implement the recommendation of the Kothari Commission that at least 6 per cent of the GDP should be allotted for education sector. Thank you, Sir.